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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.

FILE: 62-HQ-104401

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Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Memo from the desk of
ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.

March 4, 1957

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As implausible as it seems that anybody could give you any new glimpse of the Communist conspiracy, I am still bold enough to think that this issue of my little magazine might. So I hope you will be able to find time to read it.

With great gratitude and admiration for your part in the effort to save our country and our civilization, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

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Robert H. Welch, Jr.
810 Main Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

November 26, 1956

Dear Reader:

May we blow our own horn for just three paragraphs? We promise to do so as quietly as possible.

In the November 10 issue of the Saturday Evening Post there is an article by Ernest O. Hauser on the Russian "New Look". Mr. Hauser comes to the conclusion that the defamation of Stalin has not been a defensive measure, on the part of Khrushchev and his cohorts, but one important piece in the pattern of an audacious new offensive against the West.

In the issue of ONE MAN'S OPINION which was mailed early in September we said the same thing, outlined the most important other pieces in this pattern of deception, and -- with regard to the attack on Stalin -- devoted many paragraphs to showing that "the key to this action is not its defensive value But the explanation lies in the great positive value in a continuing offensive."

Recently Mr. Aidan Crawley, famous commentator of the British Broadcasting Corporation, devoted his program to the thesis that Malenkov is still the all-powerful directing force behind the scenes in Moscow. This suggestion is now being brought forward in other quarters.

Three months ago we set forth, in ONE MAN'S OPINION, several pages of facts and arguments to support our surmise that "since the death of Stalin Georgi Malenkov has been, still is, and for an indefinite future will be, the absolute dictator of the whole Communist world."

The anti-Communist powers in Europe are now convinced, by tangible and documentary evidence, that Nasser is not just an ambitious opportunist, seeking to advance his interests by any means that happen to come to hand from any source; but that he is, instead, a definite and completely controlled agent of the Kremlin.

We have been saying this, however, for months. As far back as last April, in ONE MAN'S OPINION, we wrote: "Colonel Nasser has put himself and his country completely under the thumb of the Kremlin, even to the extent of spearheading some of the Kremlin's diplomatic and propaganda efforts with Egypt's neighbors."

We could keep this list up for quite a while, to show why you should read ONE MAN'S OPINION. Yet we certainly do not claim to be prophets with regard to the actions of the Communist conspirators. And in every paragraph of our magazine we try to make clear whether we are stating facts, engaging in analysis, or merely offering a guess. But we do look at, and write about, the Communist conspiracy realistically. It is to do our part in strengthening a realistic attitude towards the menace and the progress of Communism that we are trying to reach as many readers as we can. If you would like to help with a subscription for a friend (or for yourself if not already a subscriber), a convenient form is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Welch, Jr.

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We've Been Through College

Contrary to the impression we must frequently create, we are not trying to work our way through college by selling magazines. We spent many happy years playing tennis, poker, chess, and hookey at different colleges, several decades ago. Our purpose in soliciting subscriptions to ONE MAN'S OPINION is simply to reach as many readers as we can with some words of warning which we think are badly needed. When a wise political prophet said, more than a hundred years ago, that the twentieth century would be given over to a struggle between the United States and Russia for mastery of the planet, he had no conception of how far the United States would go in helping Russia to win.

We are sure that our articles will add little to the knowledge, and less to the happiness, of yourself or your friends. But we do honestly believe that they will, at times, add to your understanding of some of the puzzling developments in contemporary affairs, because of our insistence on finding the pieces that mesh and on putting those pieces together. And we refuse to throw away the experience of forty years, or all the earlier pages in the book, as a basis on which to judge the present and the future, every time the schemers in the Kremlin write a new page.

On the other side of this sheet is a letter which was mailed late last November to a small list of people who were not subscribers to this magazine. We hope it falls within the classification that the advertising fraternity calls "legitimate puffery". At any rate, it created enough favorable interest for us to want our subscribers also to read it. Despite the fact that the letter is now two months old, therefore, we are using it as backing (the pun is definitely intended) for this subscription form. As you can see, we are bound to guess right some of the time, so you had better subscribe. RW

Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Welch:

Please enter my subscription to twelve issues of ONE MAN'S OPINION for which I enclose \$5.00

Please enter subscriptions for the names and addresses listed below, at \$5.00 each \$_____

To enable you to reach as many opinion-molders as possible, by your own selection of names from your own list, I am covering the cost for you to enter such subscriptions at \$5.00 each, by enclosing an additional \$_____

The total of my remittance is \$_____

Sincerely,

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

Additional Subscriptions

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Mr. Robert L. W. Welch, Jr.
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. Welch:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 1957,
with enclosures, including the magazine entitled "One Man's
Opinion." I am pleased to have this material available.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain numerous references to individuals
by the name of Robert Welch in Massachusetts. There is no
reference in Bufiles identical with "One Man's Opinion." This
magazine is a review of current topics and contains Welch's
observations which are critical of various State Department
policies. Further comment is not deemed advisable.

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An Informal Review

Belmont

December 2, 1957

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nease
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Clegg
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Dear Reader:

Our goal is to give you your time's worth.

You can get your money's worth of reading value and pleasure today, in any one of a dozen periodicals at any newsstand. But in every paragraph of AMERICAN OPINION we shall be conscious of the pressure on your time.

We spend hours to make worth-while the lines which you will read in minutes.

If you are looking for a complete serving of planet-wide news and views, which you can still gulp down while waiting for your wife to find the car keys, we can't help you. Nobody can. But we shall do our utmost to give you, for the time you invest in each issue of this magazine, a compacted bargain of information, analysis, and authoritative opinion -- concerning the personalities and the events of a world which is "too much with us."

The first number of AMERICAN OPINION will appear on January 6, 1958.

It is an outgrowth of ONE MAN'S OPINION, a now-and-then magazine of which eleven issues have been published. The earlier magazine, while largely a medium of expression for its editor, has also contained letters and guest articles written specifically for it by Ex-Premier Mikolajczyk of Poland, Syngman Rhee, Senator William F. Knowland, Chiang Kai-shek, General A. C. Wedemeyer, and others. Its more conventional successor, to be published monthly (except for August) throughout the year, will be "rounded out" by articles and regular features from such well-known contributors as William Schlam, Medford Evans, Hans Sennholz, Colm Brogan, J. B. Matthews, and Ludwig von Mises.

AMERICAN OPINION will keep the flavor and character of an "informal review".

We shall consider honesty and objectivity, in our treatment of every person and every subject, to be of vital importance. But "impartiality" we shall scorn as a combination of pretense and cowardice. The very name of this magazine is designed to make clear its stand in the world-wide ideological struggle between the americanist and the communist philosophies, and in the political battles between Americanist and Communist factions. Its deep concern with the methods and the progress of the Kremlin's conspiracy will not endear it to the friends of Alger Hiss. Its appraisal of what is good and what is bad, among the forces and trends of American history of the past and the present, will seldom agree with that of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. Its keen interest as to what is happening, in every one of the 110 countries (more or less) in our shrinking world, will be from a nationalistic viewpoint of which Henry Luce will not approve. And its attitude toward the duties, the responsibilities, and the aspirations of individual human beings will hardly please such prominent spokesmen of the let-government-do-it school as Hugh Gaitskell, Adlai Stevenson, Soapy Williams -- or Milton Eisenhower.

The subscription price of AMERICAN OPINION is five dollars per year.

Unexpired subscriptions to ONE MAN'S OPINION will automatically be filled out with the new-magazine. The list with which we thereby start consists of only a few thousand readers. Because of the kind of appeal that has attracted these subscribers, however, they constitute about as selective a roll call of influential Americans as any editor could wish for. Mass circulation remains beyond our reach -- or aim. But if you also are among those to whom "your time's worth" is important, we think you will like our magazine, and you will use the subscription form which is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

1958
January 17, 1957

Attached is a copy of "American
Opinion" for February, 1958, sent
to the Director from Robert Welch,
Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

The FBI is mentioned on pages 14. + 12.

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Clayton ✓
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Mr. Edwin McDowell
American Opinion
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

AMERICAN OPINION

Dear Mr. McDowell:

My attention has been called to your review
of my new book, "Masters of Deceit," in the May, 1958,
issue of American Opinion, and I do want to express my
appreciation for your generous comments.

It is my sincere hope that this book will be
of assistance to the American people in their fight against
communism. You were very kind to call it to the attention
of your readers.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Nothing identifiable on McDowell or Robert Welch, editor, in
Massachusetts locale. Welch had previously furnished Bureau copy of
his magazine. (62-104401)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 30, 1958

The attached July-August, 1958,
issue of "American Opinion" was
sent to the Director from Robert
Welch, Belmont 78, Mass.

The FBI is mentioned on pages 12, 24
and the inside of the back cover.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2/4/59

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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By letter dated December 23, 1958, G-2 Governor's Island, New York, forwarded to this office extracts from a volume entitled "The Politician". The volume, according to G-2, was written and privately printed for distribution by ROBERT WELCH, President of ROBERT A. WELCH, Candy Manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and contains allegations highly critical of the President of the United States and other members of the United States Government. (u)

G-2 advised that a copy of this volume was mailed to a member of the United States Army on August 31, 1958. (u)

A photostatic copy of the extract furnished by G-2 is enclosed for the information of the Bureau. (u)

A review of the Boston indices reflects the following information:

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On January 19, 1959, [redacted] General Post Office, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that P. O. Box 136, Cooper Station, New York 3, New York was leased by the "Daily Worker", 50 E. 13th Street, New York City from 1938 until discontinued on June 26, 1958. (u)

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Reference is made to Milwaukee letter to the Director, dated January 20, 1959 entitled "ROBERT H. W. WELCH, ANTI-COMMUNIST DRIVE, MILWAUKEE DIVISION" referring to lectures by WELCH on [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] calling for urgent need for Anti-Communist action in the United States.

Reference is also made to New York letter to Director, dated September 23, 1957 entitled [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] which refers to a speech given in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 3 or 4, 1957 by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, sponsored by the Circuit Riders, Inc.

Cincinnati letter to Boston, dated May 6, 1958 described the Circuit Riders as a Methodist lay organization financed by a number of prominent Americans to expose Communist influence in religious organizations.

The Boston Telephone Directory for 1959 shows the Welch Candy Company at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Mass. and ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts. Robert Welch, Inc. is listed as 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts.

It is noted that ROBERT H. W. WELCH, believed identical with the subject, is editor of the pamphlet "American Opinion", published by Robert Welch, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, which appears to be Anti-Communist in nature.

It is suggested that as a speaker and writer WELCH may have subscribed to the "Daily Worker" in the name of Robert Welch, Inc. for use as source material.

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THE BOSTON DIVISION:

Will obtain background data concerning WELCH in accordance with Bureau letter to Boston, dated January 28, 1959.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: February 20, 1959

FROM : SAC, Boston (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re: Bureau letter dated January 28, 1959.

The records of Harvard Law School, Alumni Records Office, were examined by SA [REDACTED] on February 6, 1959, through [REDACTED]. These records reflected that ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr. was at Harvard Law School from 1919 to 1921 and received no degree. He received his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1916 and as of both 1948 and 1953, was Vice President in charge of Sales and Advertising for the James O. Welch Company, Candy Manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

[REDACTED] provided the 35th Reunion Report of the Harvard Law School Class of 1922, published in 1957.

In addition to the above information on ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., this report reflected that he married MARIAN ROBERT in 1922 and had two sons, ROBERT, born 1923, and EDWARD W. born 1924. It also showed that he was in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis during World War I and during World War II was on the Advisory Commission of the Office of Price Administration. In addition, from 1951 to 1954, he was a member of the Belmont Massachusetts School Committee and had served as a Director of several small businesses and one bank. From 1951 to 1957, he was a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers, being its Vice President from 1955 to 1957. The report listed two publications by Mr. WELCH: "May God Forgive Us" (1952) and "Life of John Birch" (1954).

On February 12, 1959, SA [REDACTED] examined Volume [REDACTED] of "Who's Who in New England," dated 1958. In addition to the information already set out, this publication reflects that Mr. WELCH was born in Edenton, North Carolina, December 1, 1899. He was a founder of the Oxford Candy Company in 1922 and its Sales Manager in 1935. At the time of publication, he had been Vice President and Director of Sales and Advertising of the James O. Welch Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts. As of the date of publication, he is shown as a member of the Board of Directors of Robert Welch Publishing Company; Chairman of the Board of the Washington Commission.

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of the National Association of Candy Manufacturers; a member of the Board of Directors of the United Prison Association, and during World War II was a member of the Office of Price Administration Committee for the candy industry. He is shown to be the recipient of the Kettle Award by the candy industry in 1947 and a member of the Massachusetts Chess Federation (Board of Directors, 1940-1944).

Mr. WELCH is shown as a Republican and lists his clubs as: Harvard (Boston and New York), Skating (Boston), Oakley Country (Board of Directors). He is author of "Road to Salesmanship" (1941) and has contributed articles to business publications. He is further shown as a public speaker on business, economic and social conditions. His home address is shown as 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and his office as 810 Main Street, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is a letter dated February 11, 1959, from G-2, Governors Island, New York, and a copy of "The Politician" written by WELCH and furnished to this office by G-2. ~~ju~~

G-2 has been advised that no investigation is being made of this matter. C.

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67c March 6, 1959

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

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ROBERT E. R. WELCH, JR.
PROPAGANDA CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Information has been received that Robert E. Welch, Jr., who resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and who maintains his office at the Main Street, Caderidge, Massachusetts, has written a book entitled "The Politician," which has not yet published this book. It appears that he has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to a limited number of his friends and individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. This book attacks the reputation of the President of the United States, particularly chapter nine which is a violent attack on President Eisenhower. There is enclosed one photograph each of the cover page, remarks by Welch and chapter nine of this book.

The files of this Bureau reflect that Welch was born on December 1, 1899, at Edenton, North Carolina; is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 819 Main Street, Caderidge, Massachusetts; is the editor and a director of the publication "American Opinion," which is published irregularly by him and has recently been conducting a drive to obtain funds to be used for his antisemitist activity.

He has addressed a group on the subject of communism and the urgent need for antisemitist action in the United States. He told the group he desires to establish ostensible communist front groups throughout the United States which in reality would be antisemitist groups; and he indicated that his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. It has been reported that Welch was in attendance at this meeting were persons not receptive to Welch's views. No further information has come to this Bureau's attention indicating additional activities on Welch's part in this regard.

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NOTE: SEE MEMO Baumgardner to Belmont, dated 3-6-59, 67c

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The Attorney General

The above information, together with one photostat each of the above-mentioned excerpts and chapter from "The Politician" is being furnished to the Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President.

Enclosures - 3

**1 - Mr. Laurence R. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)Mr. DeLoach
Training & Inspection Division
Mr. Belmont
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Liaison
Mr. Baumgardner

DATE: March 6, 1959

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Bufiles reflect Welch, 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, office address-810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, is an officer and director of James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; is editor and director of publication "American Opinion," published irregularly and containing many anticommunist articles. He has forwarded copies of publication to Bureau in past. Neither he nor publication has been subject of Bureau investigation.

he addressed group on subject of communism, urgent need for anticommunist action in U.S., his desires to establish ostensible communist front groups which in reality would be anticommunist groups, and indicated his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. Milwaukee reported were somewhat receptive to Welch's ideas. Milwaukee and Boston instructed to be alert for information indicating further activities of Welch in this regard. To date no information received Welch has put his program into effect nor that he has conducted additional meetings. It is felt field should be alerted to Welch, his activities, and his program. Additional information received concerning Welch and his activities will be considered and any necessary action taken.

Boston letter 2-20-59 furnished background information concerning Welch indicating Welch, a Republican, has authored book entitled "The Politician." Boston received copy of book from G-2, Governors Island, N.Y., by letter to SAC, Boston, 2-11-59. While this book (287 pages) has not been published, copies of it have been printed enclosed in spiral-type binders. It apparently has been sent to a limited number of friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of book reflects it mainly is an attack on political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Does not appear to be based on facts but on opinions and conclusions of Welch. General theme of book is reflected in "Introduction" in which Welch states in Spring of 1953 the whole communist tyranny was in danger of being wiped off the face of the earth but "The sad truth is that this tyranny was actually saved, in this great period of vulnerability, by just one thing; by the inauguration, on January 20, 1953, of Dwight David Eisenhower as President of the United States." Chapter 9 of

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Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
62-104401

book represents most violent attack on alleged political beliefs of President by being titled "The Pro-Communist." Welch, by innuendo, alludes to President as being procommunist. Examples: He states in Fall of 1945 when Russians were starting to show post war power, U.S. newspapers began to call imperialistic Russian plans to attention of readers and Eisenhower "let out a vicious blast against the 'crackpots' who were critical of Russian diplomacy and actions"; Eisenhower, despite protests of high-ranking Army officers who were bitter at strikes, stoppages and slow-downs in American production engineered by communists in the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), spoke at 1946 CIO convention and praised CIO employees for their patriotism even to extent of saying they rightly shared in laurels won by American troops on battlefields; Eisenhower's acceptance of \$30,000 grant from communist government of Poland to establish "Chair of Polish Studies" at Columbia University; the organization of Arden House and its program "The American Assembly" which, according to Welch, Eisenhower claims was his greatest accomplishment at Columbia. Welch claims this was indeed an accomplishment in field of propaganda stating "it would call for my admiration if it did not intend my destruction" and "it was his greatest procommunist achievement as president of Columbia."

RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) The attached letters to Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President; and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, furnishing background data on Welch and enclosing Photostats of cover page, opening remarks of Welch, and chapter 9 of book, be approved and transmitted.
- (2) The attached SAC letter alerting field to Welch, his activities and program be approved and forwarded to Training & Inspection Division for preparation and distribution to the field.

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3/10/59
SAC LETTER NO. 59-13

(F) ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- Information has been received that Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts; maintains an office at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and is editor and a director of the publication "American Opinion," which he irregularly publishes and issues of which have in the past contained anticommunist articles. Neither Welch nor his publication has been the subject of Bureau investigation. [REDACTED] he met with a group [REDACTED] at which time he lectured on communism, the urgent need for anticommunist action in the United States and his desires to establish ostensible communist front groups which in reality would be anticommunist groups. Welch indicated he is conducting a drive to obtain funds to be used for anticommunist activity and that his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. No further information has been received indicating Welch's success in putting his program into effect.

The personnel of your office should be made aware of Welch's activities and contemplated plans. You must be certain that your employees are alerted to promptly report to the Bureau any information concerning further activity by Welch in this regard. In the event information is received regarding any activity of Welch in the furtherance of setting his plan into operation, no investigation should be made but the Bureau should be promptly advised.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-00)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)REF 13
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Re SAC Letter 59-13 (F) captioned as above, setting forth information concerning WELCH, a resident of Belmont, Massachusetts, with offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The SAC Letter notes that WELCH is Editor and Publisher of "American Opinion", which he regularly publishes and issues. Neither WELCH nor his publication have ever been the subject of Bureau investigation. In January, 1959 he met with a group of leading industrialists at Milwaukee, Wisconsin at which time he lectured on Communism, the urgent need for anti-Communist action, and his desire to establish ostensible Communist front groups which in reality would be anti-Communist groups. Re SAC Letter instructed that any information concerning further activity by WELCH in the furtherance of his plan should be made known to the Bureau.

[REDACTED] made available certain documents received from the captioned individual on the letterhead of "American Opinion" and from the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, which also appears to be an endeavor of this individual.

There is enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau, Indianapolis, and Boston, one photostat of each of the following items:

- ② Bureau (REGISTERED)(Encls. 9)
- 1- Boston (REGISTERED)(Encls. 9)
- 1- Indianapolis (REGISTERED)(Encls. 9)
- 1- Chicago

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- 1) Petition entitled "~~Committee~~ Against Summit Entanglements" advising the President not to attend a "summit conference".
- 2) Flyer entitled "Just a Minute, Mr. Congressman, before you vote our money and our jobs away. . ." This flyer is described therein as issued by the Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, Suite 335, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.
- 3) A booklet entitled "The Scoreboard" described thereon as an article which was reprinted from "American Opinion", Belmont 78, Massachusetts.
- 4) A letter dated [REDACTED] on the letterhead of "American Opinion" to [REDACTED] and signed ROBERT WELCH. The letter notes that an unpublished manuscript of "mine, which is quite confidential", would be sent to [REDACTED] in a matter of a few days. The letter notes that "We have a movement under way of which you undoubtedly have heard nothing--because we are concentrating entirely on building strength and understanding rather than creating noise, of which he (LOUIS RUTHENBURG) has been an enthusiastic supporter since it started last December, and which already has local working chapters in four states." WELCH continues by describing the background, methods, and purposes of the John Birch Society and indicates to [REDACTED] will be furnished additional information concerning it. b7c
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- 5) A letter to [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] from WELCH again on the letterhead of "American Opinion" in which he authorizes [REDACTED] to permit another individual to read the confidential manuscript which he had previously submitted to [REDACTED]. He describes the manuscript as being entitled "The Politician". He then describes the John Birch Society as a movement which was started quietly by WELCH with a small group of leading industrialists who met with WELCH in Indianapolis during the past December "for the purpose of building strength and understanding to combat this conspiracy--while avoiding publicity to the fullest extent possible, because creating noise is no part of our intention. The movement is growing very rapidly, with extremely encouraging support from a great many patriotic leaders. . ." He indicated at the present time that he did not believe it possible to form regular chapters in Indiana, "for a few months yet", and suggested in the interim contact be maintained by mail.

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6) A letter dated [REDACTED] from WELCH to [REDACTED] stating that under separate cover he was sending the recipient a manuscript which is not intended for publication at all and which is being put into the hands of a number of good friends and outstanding patriots who would be depended upon to treat the document with confidence as requested and to take reasonable precautions to safe-guard the document while it is in the party's possession. (This manuscript is entitled "The Politician", a copy of which is in the possession of the Chicago Office and will be described later.

7) John Birch Society bulletin for July, the contents of which are self explanatory.

8) A memo on the letterhead of the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts dated July 4, 1959 entitled "A Preliminary and Condensed Statement". This document describes the John Birch Society as an organization of Americans voluntarily joined together to (1) Combat more effectively the evil forces that threaten our country, our lives and our civilization; (2) To prevail upon fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism and to climb to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility; (3) To restore with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values and the gloriously humane traditions of which our Western civilization has been built. The long range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Continuing, the document states that the John Birch Society was founded by WELCH at a meeting in Indianapolis on December 9, 1958 and has working chapters in six states and additional chapters are being formed every week. Its immediate goal is 1,500 working chapters for December 31, 1959. The home chapter maintains contact with members and coordinates and their activities entirely by mail. There are home chapter members in about 20 states and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in the country.

This memo continues setting forth information under the captions "What is The John Birch Society?", "How are Chapters of the Society Formed?", "Why Haven't I Heard More About The John Birch Society?", "How May I Join The John Birch Society?"

9) Item entitled "Application for Membership", listing dues for membership and the conditions under which membership can be obtained.

The unpublished manuscript of WELCH entitled "The Politician" consists of 287 pages of vicious material designed to show that President EISENHOWER was the chosen successor of former President ROOSEVELT and that his present administration is under strong Communist influence. Typical of the statements contained therein is one appearing on page six, last paragraph, which reads as follows:

"The sad truth is that this tyranny was actually saved, in this period of great vulnerability, by just one thing; by the inauguration, on January 20, 1953, of Dwight David Eisenhower as President of the United States. The circumstances of his election made it politically necessary for him to bring many good men into his government. The rationale of his election, and the temper of the American people, made it imperative for a while that he talk a good brand of anti-Communism. But the Communist influences which completely controlled him kept the reins of that control tight and effective. Subtly, cleverly, always proclaiming otherwise and finding specious excuses for what were really pro-Communist actions, these Communist influences made him put the whole diplomatic power, economic power, and recognized leadership of this country to work, on the side of Russia and the Communists, in connection with every problem and trouble spot in their empire. You only have to look at where we stand today, five years later, at exactly these same spots on the scoreboard reviewed above, to realize the truth of this assertion and the extent of this Communist success. It simply was not possible to lose so much ground, so rapidly, to an enemy so inferior, by chance or by stupidity. The explanation calls for a very sinister and hated word, but one which is by no means new in the history of governments or of nations. The word is treason. It is the province of this treatise to show the part played in these treasonous developments, however unwittingly or unwillingly, by Dwight Eisenhower; and how, as the most completely opportunistic and unprincipled politician America has ever raised to high office, he was so supremely fitted for the part."

In view of the length of this manuscript and because Indianapolis and Boston as well as the Bureau may already have a copy of the manuscript no photostats are being submitted herewith.

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The Bureau is requested to advise of its desires.

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TO BUREAU (9)

Photostats of:

- 1) Petition entitled "Committee Against Summit Entanglements"
- 2) Flyer entitled "Just a Minute, Mr. Congressman."
- 3) Booklet entitled "The Scoreboard"
- 4) Letter dated [REDACTED] on letterhead of "American Opinion" to [REDACTED] and signed ROBERT WELCH.
- 5) Letter [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED] from WELCH.
- 6) Letter dated [REDACTED] from WELCH to [REDACTED] stating that under separate cover he was sending a manuscript not intended for publication.
- 7) John Birch Society bulletin for July.
- 8) Memo on letterhead of John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, 7/4/59.
- 9) Item entitled "Application for Membership"

RE: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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September 9, 1959

Director, FBI (62-104401)

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Airtel 8/27/59.

In accordance with your request, this is to advise that the Bureau is already in possession of a Photostat of the book written by Welch entitled "The Politician"; therefore, it will not be necessary to forward the Bureau a copy of it.

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Mr. Belmont
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The Attorney General

September 11, 1959

Director, FBI

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reference is made to my communication dated March 6, 1959, setting forth information concerning Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, who has written a book entitled "The Politician." Welch has not published the book but apparently had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to a number of his friends and individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. My communication enclosed a Photostat of "remarks" by Welch, as contained in the book, and chapter nine of the book, which is a violent attack on the reputation of President Eisenhower.

Information received by this Bureau indicates Welch is chairman of the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," which committee has been carrying on a campaign to secure signatures to a petition calling on the President "not to attend a summit conference with the tyrants of the Kremlin." There is enclosed one Photostat each of a letter dated June 17, 1959, on the letterhead of the committee and the petition being circulated by the committee. There is also enclosed a photostat of a document dated July 4, 1959, entitled "The John Birch Society" which is an organization founded by Welch at Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, and which has as its long-range objective "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." This latter document sets forth background information concerning "The John Birch Society."

The above information, together with one Photostat each of the three items described above, is being furnished to the Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President.

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1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont captioned
"Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal
Security)" dated 9/10/59, [REDACTED] b7c

Above enclosed items were furnished by Chicago
letter (serial 17) in captioned matter.

- Mr. Belmont
Liaison
Mr. Baumgardner

PURSUANT TO
REQUEST, COL. E. M. EGGER
CHIEF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE J.C.S.
CHIEF CURRENT SUMMARY following
plus identity of book prepared
by R. H. W. Welch - 1/6/60

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September 11, 1959

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Gray:

Reference is made to my communication dated March 6, 1959, setting forth information concerning Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, who has written a book entitled "The Politician." Welch has not published the book but apparently had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to a number of his friends and individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. My communication enclosed a Photostat of "remarks" by Welch, as contained in the book, and chapter nine of the book, which is a violent attack on the reputation of President Eisenhower.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. EDGAR HOOVER

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NOTE:

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"Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning, (Internal
Security)" dated 9/10/59, [REDACTED] b7c

Above enclosed items were furnished by Chicago
letter (serial 17) in captioned matter.

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The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reference is made to my communication dated September 11, 1959, setting forth information concerning Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," of which Welch is chairman and which committee has been carrying on a campaign to secure signatures to a petition calling on the President "not to attend a summit conference with the tyrants of the Kremlin."

For your additional information concerning the activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," there is enclosed one Photostat each of the following:

1. [REDACTED]
2. An article which appeared in the August 31, 1959, issue of the "Chicago Tribune," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, entitled "Please, President Eisenhower, Don't!" relating to the exchange of visits with Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the Soviet Union
3. An article which appeared in the August 30, 1959, issue of "The Register," a newspaper of the Roman Catholic Church which is published in Denver, Colorado, entitled "Mr. President! Please Don't!" which also relates to the exchange of visits with Khrushchev

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The Attorney General

The above information, together with one Photostat each of the three items described above, is being furnished to the Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President.

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1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Item 1 above was transmitted by Boston letter 9/2/59 (serial 18) and items 2 and 3 were transmitted by Chicago letter 9/4/59, both letters captioned "Robert H.W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)." The headquarters of "The Register" was obtained by a telephone call to "The Catholic Standard," the official publication of the Washington Archdiocese of the Catholic Church.

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 9/10/59 captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)" attached letters to Gordon Gray, White House, and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, dated 9/11/59, which were approved and transmitted, setting forth activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements." It is believed the additional information and activities of the committee and Welch as noted in the above 3 items would be of interest to the White House and the Attorney General and therefore should be sent.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: September 10, 1959

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 3/6/59 set forth background information concerning Welch who resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and who is an officer and director of the James C. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Referenced memorandum pointed out that Welch, a Republican, had authored a book entitled "The Politician," which book disclosed it was mainly an attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Chapter 9 of the book presented a most violent attack on alleged political beliefs of the President by being titled "The Pro-Communist" and Welch, by innuendo, alluded to President as being procommunist. While "The Politician" has not been published, copies of it have been printed and sent to a limited number of Welch's friends and individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. Referenced memorandum attached letters to the White House and the Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, setting forth background information concerning Welch, data concerning "The Politician," and enclosed a Photostat of chapter 9 of the book. These letters were approved and transmitted under date of 3/6/59.

Chicago letter 8/27/59 enclosed Photostats, as furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] various documents issued by the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, and the Committee Against Summit Entanglements also of Belmont, Massachusetts. A review of the Photostat discloses that the Committee Against Summit Entanglements is an organization of Welch's which has been circulating petitions entitled "Please Mr. President, Don't Go" petitioning the President not to attend a "sum conference with the tyrants of the Kremlin." The John Birch Society is described as an organization which was founded by Welch at a meeting in Indianapolis on 12/9/58; had local working chapters in six states as of 7/59; has as its immediate goal 1500 working chapters by 12/31/59; and has as its long-range objective "less government, more responsibility, a better world." From a review of the correspondence between [REDACTED] Welch, it appears that Welch may be using The John Birch Society in sending copies of "The Politician" to various individuals recommended to him or who he believes would be interested in its contents. It is felt we should make this additional information available to the White House, the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letters to Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President; and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, in this regard be approved and transmitted

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *Jm. A. [unclear]* SAC, CHICAGO (100-00)(100- new)

DATE: September 4, 1959

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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*1 photostat of each sent
to Bureau by letter dated 9/16/59
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There are enclosed herewith two photostats of two newspaper articles each for the Bureau and Indianapolis. One of these articles appeared in the "Chicago Tribune" of August 31, 1959 entitled "Please, President Eisenhower, Don't!", described thereon as issued by the Committee Against Summit Entanglements. The second article appeared in the August 30, 1959 issue of the publication "The Register" at page 8 entitled "Mr. President! Please Don't!", also issued by the Committee Against Summit Entanglements, 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. Directly under this descriptive data appears the following: "Manion Forum, South Bend, Indiana".

"The Register" is a Roman Catholic publication believed to have nation-wide circulation.

Both of these articles are self explanatory and in effect urge President EISENHOWER to insist that the visit of KHRUSHCHEV be postponed indefinitely and also urges the President to refrain from visiting Russia as well as not to meet KHRUSHCHEV at any summit conference. Both articles listed the officers of the Committee Against Summit Entanglements and the list contains many prominent names. The Manion Forum is believed to refer to Professor MANION of the Law School of Notre Dame University.

Submitted for information.

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September 16, 1959
BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gray:

Reference is made to my communication dated
September 11, 1959, setting forth information concerning
Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, and
the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," of which
Welch is chairman and which committee has been carrying
on a campaign to secure signatures to a petition calling
on the President "not to attend a summit conference with
the tyrants of the Kremlin."

For your additional information concerning the
activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit
Entanglements," there is enclosed one Photostat each of
the following:

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2. An article which appeared in the August 31,
1959, issue of the "Chicago Tribune," a
Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, entitled
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relating to the exchange of visits with
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3. An article which appeared in the August 20, 1959, issue of "The Register," a newspaper of the Roman Catholic Church which is published in Denver, Colorado, entitled "Mr. President! Please Don't!" which also relates to the exchange of visits with Khrushchev.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 9/10/59 captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)" attached letters to Gordon Gray, White House, and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, dated 9/11/59 which were approved and transmitted, setting forth activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements." It is believed the additional information and activities of the committee and Welch as noted in the above 3 items would be of interest to the White House and the Attorney General and therefore should be sent.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Knoxville (100-0)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
 Belmont, Massachusetts;
 The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
 Belmont, Massachusetts
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: 12/2/59

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Enclosed for the Bureau and the Boston Division are copies of a report received by the Knoxville Office which report is dated November 10, 1959, from the District Intelligence Officer, Sixth Naval District, to the Director of Naval Intelligence. This report sets forth background information concerning the John Birch Society which is reported to have been founded by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. of Belmont, Massachusetts.

This report reflects efforts to form a group of this society at Knoxville, Tennessee, by certain interested individuals. It is reported that the organization has as its aims the defeat of "the Communist-run United Nations, stoppage of aid to foreign countries and the fighting of Communist organizations. It is also alleged that one "objective is that of opposing unions, especially that headed by Walter Reuther".

The Bureau's attention is invited to page three of this report, paragraph seven, wherein the source for ONI states, "Mr. Welch also stated that he had access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a life-time friend who was acting as an advisor to the Bureau".

No investigation is being conducted of this organization by the Knoxville office and the above is being forwarded to the Bureau for information purposes.

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SAC, Boston

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Director, FBI (62-104401)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS;
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re Knoxville let dated 12/2/59 captioned as
above enclosing copies of a report dated 11/10/59 from
the District Intelligence Officer, Sixth Naval District,
which report stated that in a tape of a speech by Welch
which was played at the 10/21/59 meeting of the John
Birch Society, Welch made the statement that "he had
access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
tion through a life-time friend who was acting as an
advisor to the Bureau."

On 12/9/59 [redacted] Security Branch,
Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), advised he had contacted
ONI's office in Knoxville, which office advised that there
was no objection to the Bureau's contacting Welch concern-
ing his statement. [redacted] advised that ONI's source in
this matter was [redacted]

[redacted] who ONI
considers to be very reliable. [redacted] stated that if
the Bureau desired to interview [redacted] concerning this
matter ONI would have no objection. It is not deemed
necessary or advisable to interview [redacted] at this time.

SAC, Boston, is instructed to contact Welch
and call his attention to the fact that the Bureau has
been apprised of his statement. Welch should be advised
to identify the "life-time friend" and to furnish specifics
concerning his having access to the files of the Bureau. [redacted]
Welch should be advised that due to the confidential nature
of the Bureau's files his statement is erroneous and creates
an erroneous impression by people hearing the statement.

2 - Knoxville (100-9)

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE 2.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF [redacted]
DATE 6/16/82

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SAC, Boston

Re: Robert H. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts;
The John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts
Information Concerning (Internal Security)
62-104401

He should be advised to have this statement deleted from all copies of the tape recording of his speech incorporating the statement and to refrain from making such a statement in any form in the future. This matter should be handled promptly and the Bureau immediately advised of the results thereof.

It is noted that the Boston Office is in possession of Welch's business and residence addresses.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The above action was approved by the Director by his notation on memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont dated 12/7/59 in captioned matter. The results of the Liaison Section's check with ONI regarding this matter were incorporated in memorandum Frohbose to Belmont dated 12/11/59 in captioned matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

to : A. H. Belmont

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DATE: December 7, 1959

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.;
6- THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Knoxville letter 12/2/59 enclosed Photostats of a report which the Knoxville Office received from the local Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) dated 11/10/59, which report sets forth information concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, and meetings of the John Birch Society which were held in Knoxville during October, 1959. According to ONI's source, at the second meeting of the Society, held 10/21/59, tapes of speeches by Welch were played and in one tape Welch made the statement that "he had access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a life-time friend who was acting as an advisor to the Bureau." *(X) W*

Welch is an official and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has been carrying on an anticommunist campaign for several years.

The John Birch Society is an organization formed by Welch at a meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/9/58 and has as its long-range objective "less Government, more responsibility, and a better world." There is nothing contained in the DNI report furnished by Knoxville which would be of interest to the White House or the Attorney General or add anything to the information we have already sent them concerning Welch.

Regarding Welch's statement that he has access to the files of the FBI, it is believed we should contact ONI Headquarters in Washington to determine whether it might compromise their source if we went to Welch to call his statement to his attention and request from Welch the identity of this individual and if he cannot identify or

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It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Liaison Section in order that they can contact ONI Headquarters in Washington as noted above. In the event ONI advises its source will not be compromised by our going to Welch then we will send a letter to the SAC, Boston, to contact Welch and tell him to "put up or shut up" regarding his having access to Bureau files. *W*

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 12-11-59
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FROM : F. A. FROHBOSE

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.;
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(Internal Security)DECLASSIFIED BY SP-1000
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Mr. Baumgardner's memorandum, 12-7-59, reported that Welch, who formed the John Birch Society, had been carrying on an anticommunist campaign for several years. [At a meeting of the Society at Knoxville, Tennessee, tapes of speeches by Welch were played and in one tape Welch stated that he had access to the files of the FBI through a friend who is acting as an advisor to the Bureau. This information was reported to the Bureau by the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) at Knoxville. Mr. Baumgardner's memorandum recommended that Liaison determine from ONI whether its source would be compromised if the Bureau contacted Welch regarding his statement of having access to Bureau files.]

On 12-9-59 [redacted] Security Branch, ONI, advised that he had contacted ONI's office at Knoxville, and that there was no objection to the Bureau contacting Welch concerning this matter. As a matter of information, [redacted] advised that ONI's source was [redacted]

[redacted] ONI considered him very reliable. [redacted] stated that if the Bureau desired to interview [redacted] concerning this matter, ONI would have no objection.

ACTION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Baumgardner

1 - Liaison

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 12/22/59

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
 BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS;
 THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Rebulet dated 12/16/59.

On 12/21/59, accompanied by SA [REDACTED] I interviewed Mr. ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. at the office of "American Opinion," 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts. I explained to Mr. WELCH that it had come to our attention that a tape of a speech by him which was played at a meeting of the John Birch Society at Knoxville, Tennessee, on 10/21/59, reportedly contained a statement that "he had access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a lifetime friend who was acting as an advisor to the Bureau." Mr. WELCH immediately denied this, stating he was sorry but there was apparently a misunderstanding and under no circumstances did he make such a statement as it would be completely erroneous.

Mr. WELCH suggested that in all probability the information received by the FBI pertained to a statement he had made concerning his association with J. B. MATTHEWS as contained on pages 160 and 161 in his book entitled, "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society." Mr. WELCH furnished a copy of this book which is forwarded herewith as an enclosure. The statement in question, which starts with the last sentence on page 160, reads as follows:

"And while of course I can make mistakes too, I know from the way my opinion of various characters, formed entirely independently, has then proved to coincide with the opinion of J. B. Matthews, time after time when I have had a chance to check with him, that I have a fairly sensitive and accurate nose in this area."

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"And of course I also have the benefit of J. B.'s files, almost incredible memory, and judgment built out of long experience, to lean on whenever I wish."

Mr. WELCH advised that the information as contained in "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society" had been recorded by him and copies of these recordings had been played in various parts of the country in connection with the activity of the John Birch Society. A copy of the pertinent tape was played back and the wording contained in the tape was identical with that in "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society." Mr. WELCH said that on occasions he also has referred to "J.B." (MATTHEWS) as a "life-long friend."

Mr. WELCH said that at the present time there are John Birch chapters in fifteen different states. He said he is probably looked upon as being "odd" as he has given up a good business to work on a project in which he firmly believes with no compensation. Mr. WELCH said he had considered having Mr. J. HOWARD PEW arrange for a meeting between the Director and himself but, knowing of Mr. HOOVER's many responsibilities, has not made such an attempt as he felt the Director is too busy with his many duties. No comment of any nature was made to Mr. WELCH in this connection.

For the information of the Bureau, the office of "American Opinion," of which Mr. WELCH is editor and director, is located on the first floor of an insurance building near Belmont Square, Belmont, Massachusetts. Eight persons, both male and female, appeared to be engaged in typing in this room. Mr. WELCH also has the use of a shipping room in the basement which contained a considerable amount of pamphlet material. Three employees were working in the shipping room. Two additional employees were also observed in another office room which is apparently used for the purpose of interviews and also to record the talks of Mr. WELCH.

Since Mr. WELCH has specifically denied making any statement indicating access to records of the FBI either in person or by tape recording, no further action is contemplated in this matter.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 28, 1959

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
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Belmont	✓
DeLoach	✓
McGuire	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Trotter	✓
W.C. Sullivan	✓
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ON 10/15/84 Mrs. Gen. Mary Dutton 10/24/84

Welch, an official and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been carrying on an anticommunist campaign for several years and as part of this campaign he has organized "The John Birch Society" which was formed at a meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12-9-58, and has as its long-range objective "less Government, more responsibility, and a better world." We have received correspondence from Welch in the past which we have acknowledge in those instances where he has posed specific questions to the Bureau. He frequently forwards copies of his publication "American Opinion," the receipt of which we do not acknowledge as he merely sends them in for information.

By letter 12-22-59, Welch advised he was mailing, under separate cover, the Director a copy of the "Blue Book" of The John Birch Society since the Bureau has probably received occasional inquiries concerning the society. A review of the book did not disclose any references to the Director or the Bureau.

[With further reference to Welch, it is noted that Knoxville letter 12-2-59 enclosed Photostats of a report which the Knoxville Office received from the local Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) dated 11-10-59, which report set forth information concerning Welch and meeting of The John Birch Society which were held in Knoxville during 10-59. According to ONI's source, at the second meeting of the society, held 10-21-59, tapes of speeches by Welch were played and in one tape Welch made the statement that "he had access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a life-long friend who was acting as an advisee to the Bureau." Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 12-7-59 in captioned matter advised receipt of the above information from Knoxville and recommended that we clear with ONI to determine whether its source would be compromised by our contacting Welch to identify his alleged "access to the files of the Bureau" and if ONI's source would not be compromise we would then direct a letter to SAC, Boston to contact Welch for the identity of his source and emphatically tell Welch to refrain from making any such statements in the future. The recommended action was

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.

approved by the Director. After contacting ONI and determining its source would not be compromised by our going to Welch, a letter was directed to the SAC, Boston dated 12-16-59 instructing that Welch be contacted and call his attention to the fact the Bureau has been apprised of his statement in one of his taped speeches, and request the identity of Welch's source. SAC, Boston was further instructed that he should advise Welch to have this statement deleted from all copies of the tape recording of his speech and to refrain from making such a statement in any form in the future. To date we have not received a reply from Boston in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the activities of Welch necessitating the contact as outlined above by Bureau letter of 12-16-59, the fact that he has not indicated he expects a reply from the Bureau to his current letter dated 12-22-59, and since a letter over the Director's signature acknowledging receipt of the booklet concerning The John Birch Society might be used by Welch in furtherance of his organization and to the embarrassment of the Bureau, it is recommended that the receipt of Welch's letter not be acknowledged.

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 30, 1959

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Liaison Section
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
 THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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[Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 12-7-59 in captioned matter advised of receipt of letter from Knoxville Office dated 12-2-59 enclosing Photostats of a report prepared by the local Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) dated 11-10-59, which report set forth information concerning meetings of the John Birch Society held in Knoxville during 10-59. According to ONI's source, at the second meeting of the society held on 10-21-59, a tape of a speech by Welch was played in which Welch made the statement that "he had access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a life-time friend who was acting as an advisor to the Bureau." This memorandum recommended, and it was approved, that we clear with ONI to determine whether its source would be compromised by our contacting Welch to identify his alleged source who "has access to the files of the Bureau." and, if ONI source would not be compromised, we would then direct a letter to SAC, Boston, to contact Welch for the identity of his source and tell Welch to refrain from making any such statements in the future. [After contacting ONI and determining its source would not be compromised,] a letter was directed to SAC, Boston, dated 12-16-59 in this regard.]

Boston let 12-22-59 advised Welch was interviewed on 12-21-59 and denied making such a statement about his having a source who had access to Bureau files. Welch stated apparently there was a misunderstanding and that in all probability the information which we received pertained to a statement he has made concerning his association with Dr. J. B. Matthews. A copy of the pertinent tape in this matter was played by Welch for the interviewing Agents and no statement was noted such as that attributed by ONI source; however, part of the tape referred to Welch's association with Matthews.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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[In order that we may "clear the books" with ONI regarding Welch having access to Bureau files, it is recommended the attached letter to ONI, cc's to Boston and Knoxville, be approved and transmitted advising ONI we have contacted Welch and he has denied making statement that he has access to the Bureau files.]

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, HONOLULU

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ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR., -- INFORMATION CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY. RE SAC LETTER 59-13, MARCH 10 LAST.

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[REDACTED] HAS RECEIVED ADVANCED MANUSCRIPT OF "THE POLITICIAN" WRITTEN BY SUBJECT. THIS IS REPORTEDLY 37TH COPY AND NUMBERS 287 PAGES. ENTIRE BOOK DEVOTED TO ATTACK ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, BOTH AS AN ARMY OFFICER AND AS PRESIDENT, AND ALSO OF JOHN FOSTER DULLES AND ALLEN W. DULLES. BOOK REPORTS EISENHOWER PLANTED AS PRESIDENT BY THE COMMUNISTS FOR "THROWING THE GAME." BOTH JOHN AND ALLEN DULLES ACCUSED OF BEING SUPPORTERS OF COMMUNISM. ON PAGE 268 EISENHOWER SAID TO BE A COMMUNIST AND THAT HE IS THUS GUILTY OF TREASON. IF BUREAU NOT ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF BOOK, AND SO DESIRES, THIS COPY CAN BE OBTAINED FOR PHOTOGRAPHING ON THE PHOTO RECORD CAMERA. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN THIS MATTER PENDING BUREAU REQUEST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont *AB*FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Training & Inspection Div.
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - *[redacted]*

DATE: January 14, 1960 *b7c*

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DATE 5/2/94 BY 60301 *[signature]*

By Robert H. Welch Jr. Baumgardner

SAC Letter 59-13 (F), 3/10/59, set forth background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. Welch has written manuscript "The Politician," which is vicious attack on political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Manuscript not published, but Welch has had limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals he believed would be interested in its contents. In 12/58 Welch organized "The John Birch Society" in Indianapolis, Indiana, the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." Chapters of this Society have come into existence in various parts of the country and recently the Bureau has had several inquiries concerning it. We have furnished White House and Attorney General with background data concerning Welch, "The Politician," and The John Birch Society.

By radiogram 1/6/60 Honolulu advised a copy of "The Politician" had been brought to its attention and stated it could be obtained and photographed if the Bureau so desired but that it was taking no action pending a Bureau request. It appears Welch is beginning to give wide-spread distribution to "The Politician" and in view of the fact The John Birch Society is expanding its activities, it is believed we should furnish this data to the field in the form of an SAC letter, advising the field we have a copy of the manuscript of "The Politician," therefore, no copies need be sent the Bureau; that we have a copy of "The Blue Book" of The John Birch Society; that the above is furnished for information; and in event a chapter of the Society is organized in a particular territory, the Bureau should be notified but no investigation conducted.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that attached SAC letter be approved and referred to the Training and Inspection Division for preparation and transmittal to the field. No Handbook or Manual changes necessary. 1960

Enclosure - *attached*
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/22/60

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-0)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

REC-61

Re SAC Letter 59-13(F), which sets forth information concerning captioned individual and the "American Opinion" publication which he publishes, requesting field offices to promptly report to Bureau any information concerning further activity by WELCH.

The 11th District Office of OSI, Tinker Air Force Base (TAFB), Oklahoma City, furnished the Oklahoma City Office with a report dated 1/7/60 prepared by OSI Special Agent [REDACTED] under caption "Unknown Subject(s), Unsolicited Receipt through Mail of Subversive Propaganda by USAF Civilian Employee, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, 2 January, 1960." This report states [REDACTED] civilian, Police Branch, Base Security Division, TAFB, on 1/2/60 reported to Base Security Division that he had received at his residence through the regular mails several unsolicited items which he considered to be subversive propaganda. According to the OSI report, some of these items were received by [REDACTED] in an envelope addressed to him which bore postmark of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 12/31/59. It was not specified which items received by [REDACTED] were enclosed in this Oklahoma City mailing.

According to the OSI report, among the items received by [REDACTED] was a mimeographed letter signed by Mrs. CECILE H. STEWART, 345 East 57th Street, New York 22, New York, which is dated 7/31/59. This letter refers to an enclosure described as a circular captioned "There Goes Christmas," and solicits purchases of the circular at three cents per copy. The leaflet enclosed is attributed to a Committee for Christian Action. The leaflet claims to be a

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reprint of an article titled "There Goes Christmas?!" by HUBERT KREGELOH, reprinted with permission of "American Opinion." The leaflet decries an alleged Communist conspiracy to replace the traditional Christmas decorations with United Nations symbols and emblems in department store displays. The leaflet encourages mailing of protest letters to department store executives and prints a sample protest letter. The other items mentioned in the OSI report which were considered by [REDACTED] to possibly be subversive were as follows:

Leaflet captioned "Poisoning of these United States," reprint from "American Mercury" publication (item tends to be anti-Semitic and is anti-U.N.) plus anti-Negro and/or anti-Semitic articles and publications from the "Georgia Tribune," Columbus, Georgia; the "National Citizens Protective Association," St. Louis, Missouri; and the "American Nationalist," Inglewood, California.

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One copy of this letter is furnished the New York Office for information in view of data reflecting that CECILE H. STEWART, New York City, is apparently mailing out items from "American Opinion," mentioned in referenced SAC Letter.

Above is furnished Bureau for information as requested by referenced SAC Letter.

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(C) ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign, Bufile 62-104401. Welch has written a manuscript entitled "The Politician," which is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. The Bureau is in possession of a copy of it. Therefore, if the manuscript is offered to you for reproduction purposes, it will not be necessary to send copies to the Bureau.

Welch also created an organization in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Chapters of this Society are coming into existence in various parts of the country. The Bureau has received several inquiries concerning the Society and is in possession of a copy of "The Blue Book," which sets forth information on the Society.

The above is furnished for information purposes. In the event a chapter of The John Birch Society is organized in your territory, the Bureau should be notified promptly and furnished a resume of the chapter's activities. The Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. No investigation should be conducted.

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SAC LETTER NO. 60-5

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

PA **Memorandum**

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-9-60

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
REQUEST TO SEE DIRECTOR

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By letter to Director 5/3/60, attached, Welch advised that several years ago friends suggested he have a talk with Mr. Hoover and offered to write letters of introduction. Welch informed his friends he had sent the Director copies of his books and magazines as well as data concerning The John Birch Society, and that nothing he was doing, beyond that represented in his writings, was important enough to justify taking up the Director's time.

Welch advised that on one occasion, someone in Tennessee, hearing one of Welch's tape recordings, mistook a reference he made to his friendship with Dr. J. B. Matthews and his access to J. B.'s files as a statement that Welch had access to the FBI's files. Welch stated two Agents contacted him about this and he not only played for them the master tape from which the recording had been taken, but also furnished them information about The John Birch Society. He noted that at that time he still saw no reason to bother the Director.

Welch now, however, is puzzled by a report from one of his representatives in Texas that the FBI, in answering correspondence from some people, especially in the Houston area, has said, "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." Welch stated his group is meticulously careful and accurate in dealing with facts concerning the continuous communist advance, and he could not help wondering what prompted any such impression as apparently had been formed, and then transmitted by the FBI.

Welch advised that there is nobody in the fight against communism who has supported the FBI and the Director more than he, and cited the favorable support he had given to "Masters of Deceit." Welch stated he would very much like the opportunity of a brief visit with the Director and that he would be glad to come to Washington for that purpose at Mr. Hoover's convenience.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: Summary

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Robert H. W. Welch, born 12/1/99, Edenton, North Carolina, received A. B. degree University of North Carolina, 1916, and attended Harvard Law School, 1919-21

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receiving no degree. During World War II, he was on Advisory Commission of Office of Price Administration. From 1951-57, he was a Director of National Association of Manufacturers, and was its Vice President, 1955-57. He was an officer of James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for many years, and apparently left this concern in 1959, to devote full time to The John Birch Society.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

In 1952, Welch wrote a book "May God Forgive Us," dealing with communist aggression. In 1954, he wrote a book "The Life of John Birch." Birch, a young Baptist missionary in China, helped Doolittle and several of his fliers to safety after the Tokyo raid. Birch later served 3 years as an Army intelligence officer under General Chennault. 10 days after the end of World War II, while on a peaceful Army mission, Birch was brutally murdered by Chinese communists.

Welch founded The John Birch Society in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana; it is incorporated in Massachusetts as a non-profit, non-political and education corporation. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." We have received numerous inquiries concerning this organization from citizens throughout the country, and several, in particular, from the Houston, Texas, area. In acknowledging these inquiries, the Director, of course, has never made any statement to the effect that "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." We have not investigated the Society or Welch. By SAC Letters in March, 1959, and January, 1960, we alerted our field offices as to the activities of Welch and The John Birch Society, and requested to be advised when a chapter of the Society is organized. We are particularly interested in efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters.

Welch edits a monthly periodical "American Opinion" which appeared in January, 1958, as a successor to his publication "One Man's Opinion." This magazine contains reviews of current topics by various authors and comments and observations by Welch. Many of its articles are anti-communist. We have never investigated either of these publications. The Director wrote Welch in March, 1957, acknowledging receipt of "One Man's Opinion." The February, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" blasted Cyrus Eaton concerning his comments about the FBI. The May, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" had a very favorable review of "Masters of Deceit" by Edwin McDowell. By letter 4/24/58, the Director thanked McDowell for his generous comments. The March, 1959, issue of "American Opinion" had an article entitled "The Cyrus Eaton Story" which questioned Eaton's motives and pointed out that his utterances and "hogwash conferences" receive tremendous publicity but do incalculable harm to the anti-communist cause. Welch authored a 287-page book "The Politician," which was never published, which was mainly an attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower.

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SAC, Boston and another agent interviewed Welch on 12/21/59, concerning the allegation that Welch had access to FBI files, as mentioned by Welch in his attached letter. He denied making such a statement and played the master tape to prove his point. He said at that time, there were John Birch chapters in 15 states. (62-104401)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That attached letter be sent to Welch.
- (2) That in the event Welch comes to Washington and calls the Bureau for an appointment with the Director, he be referred to someone in your (DeLoach) office. ||

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

May 3, 1960

(Dictated May 2, 1960)

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Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Three or four years ago several different friends of mine who are, I believe, also friends of yours, suggested that I ought to have a talk with you, and each one offered independently to write a letter of introduction on my behalf.

In each instance I replied that I had sent you copies of each of my two little books, MAY GOD FORGIVE US and THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH, and that you were regularly receiving copies of my magazine, then called ONE MAN'S OPINION but which has now become AMERICAN OPINION, although I did not know whether you had ever had time to read either the magazine or the books. And that it did not seem to me that anything I was doing, beyond what was represented by these books and the magazine which were already at your disposal, was important enough to justify my taking up your time, or asking for a chance to do so.

Then, when I had got the John Birch Society fairly under way, I sent you a copy of the Blue Book of the Society, which sets forth the Society's background, methods, and purposes, and tells what we are trying to do, and how, and why, as well as I know how to explain it all in print. A little later some member of an audience down in Tennessee, hearing one of our tape recordings, somehow mistook a reference I had made to my friendship with Dr. J. B. Matthews, and my access to J. B. 's files, as a statement that I had access to the FBI's files. As a result, two of your men in Boston came to see me. I not only played for them the master tape from which the recording used in Tennessee had been taken, and showed them identically

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the same language in the Blue Book; but I took advantage of that opportunity to give them any and all information about The John Birch Society which I thought or they thought might be helpful. But I still saw no reason to bother you.

Now, however, I am puzzled by a report from one of our best Coordinators in the South, who works in Texas, to the effect that the FBI, in answering correspondence from some people, especially in the Houston area, who have attended either our tape sessions or film sessions, has said that "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." Since giving the plain facts concerning the continuous Communist advance, and their methods, is the very core of our presentations, and since for obvious reasons we have had to be meticulously careful and accurate about those facts, and since literally hundreds of outstanding conservatives or anti-Communists all over the country are constantly turning to us and our small Research Department as a source of facts for their own speeches, articles, letters, and other activities, we cannot help wondering just what has prompted any such impression as apparently has been formed, and then transmitted, by somebody in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There is nobody in this fight who has supported the FBI and yourself more unceasingly, uncompromisingly, or enthusiastically, and nobody who more firmly expects to keep right on doing so. When your book provoked a lot of grumbling, and even some loud and rabid dissent, on the part of some of your former strong supporters, because of what they considered your too favorable attitude toward the NAACP and other organizations, I wrote many pages of letters to some of these people to calm them down -- the essence of which was that, whether you had leaned over too far backward to try to be fair in some of these cases or not, you had been for too many years and still were too great and too effective a patriot for any such withdrawal or lessening of moral support to be justified. And I am sure that you would find our treatment of MASTERS OF DECEIT, in AMERICAN OPINION, one of the most favorable which the book received.

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All of this, as I am sure you have surmised, is merely an introduction to saying that I should like very much to have a chance for at least a brief visit with you; and that I should be glad to go to Washington for that purpose, at any time which would be convenient for yourself, if the time set did not conflict with some important speaking engagement which I had already made beforehand. And instead of going through one or more of these friends of mine, I decided it was certainly simpler and probably better for me merely to write directly to yourself.

I shall be glad to hear from you, also at your convenience, and shall be looking forward very much to seeing you and talking with you, if the opportunity is offered. In the meantime, with my continuing admiration and kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Mr. Robert Welch
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Dear Mr. Welch:

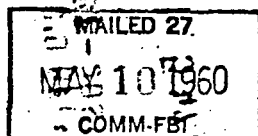
Robert H.

Your letter of May 3, 1960, concerning an alleged statement by the FBI regarding The John Birch Society, has been received, and I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. It would appear that your representative in Texas has been misinformed since I can assure you the FBI has never made such a comment regarding your organization.

I certainly wish that I could arrange a definite appointment with you. I am, however, unable to do this in view of the uncertain nature of my schedule. Please feel free to call my office if you are in Washington in the future. If I am not in, one of my assistants will be happy to be of service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo, 5/9/60, captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. - The John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass., Request to see Director."

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